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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Belfort et al.

Serial No. : 09/641,808

For : GENETIC SYSTEM AND SELF-CLEAVING INTEINS
DERIVED THEREFROM, BIOSEPARATIONS AND
PROTEIN PURIFICATION EMPLOYING SAME, AND
METHODS FOR DETERMINING CRITICAL,
GENERALIZABLE AMINO ACID RESIDUES FOR
VARYING INTEIN ACTIVITY

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
WITH REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is filed in response to the August 5, 2003 non-final Office Action, setting a three-month term for reply.



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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.117(a)(1), applicants hereby request an extension of time of one (1) month in responding to the Office Action of August 5, 2003. Granting of Applicants' request would serve to extend Applicants' due date from November 5, 2003 to December 5, 2003.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$55.00 to satisfy the fee for a one (1) month extension of time (small entity). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 50-0320.

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